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WELLINGTON SWISS CLUB

A grand Social will take place on the 30th July, beginning at 6 p.m. in the Community Hall, Brooklin, to celebrate 1st of August.

The committee has spared no effort to make this evening a memorable one. To begin with we will serve a full meal, consisting of a real Bernerplatte and all that goes with it. After this fine start a programme of great interest will follow, showing significant events in Swiss history and the history of Swiss abroad. With a dance to follow this evening will probably finish fairly late.

All Swiss, whether members of the club or not, are cordially invited and will receive a written invitation. On this occasion of our National Day we feel that all the Swiss of Wellington and surrounding districts should be united and spend one evening together.

Entry fee for members is 6/- and non-members 12/-; children under 16 free. Please remember that unless you have paid your annual subscription of £1, or pay it at this function, you will be considered a non-member. —K.B.

NEWS FROM SWITZERLAND

SWISS ACHIEVEMENT IN THE HIMALAYAS

A Swiss expedition has just conquered the summit, inviolate until now, of the Dhaulagiri, the second highest peak in the world (27,000ft). On this occasion, it is only right to mention the services rendered to the expedition by the Swiss aircraft "Pilatus Porter," which, prior to the accident which made it useless, carried out all the transport for the expedition in a remarkable manner. In effect, this aircraft, which had been christened "Yeti," succeeded in accomplishing 25 landings at an altitude of 15,800 feet, on the Tambush Col, and 18 landings on the North-East Col, at an altitude of 17,400 feet, thus, not only establishing a record for landings at high altitude, but also rendering appreciable services as a means of transport, of liaison and of reconnaissance.

FIRST JET OF THE SWISS AIR FLEET

The Swiss national airline company, "Swissair," has just taken delivery, in California, of a Douglas DC-8 aircraft, which will be the first jet plane to be put into service in the Swiss commercial air fleet. The new jet aircraft arrived at Kloten-Zurich after having accomplished the flight between New York and Zurich in 7 hours and 26 minutes.

100,000TH TELEVISION LISTENER

The one hundred thousandth television licence holder has just been registered in Switzerland! This is an advance of 21 months on the estimates made three years ago in respect of the development of television. The first licence for TV was issued in September, 1952; in December, 1958, there were 50,000 licence holders, a figure which has now doubled in less than a year and a half.

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